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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideyuki WATANABE

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EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.



REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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PETITION

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

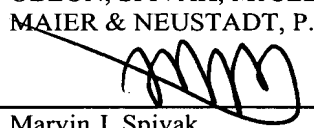
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**References AA (5,642,199), AB (5,978,477), AO (8-15299) and AP (61-57169) on Form PTO-1449.**

These references are cited in the specification.

**References AA (5,642,199), AB (5,978,477), AO (8-15299) and AP (61-57169) on Form PTO-1449.**

It is thought that these references fail to teach or suggest carrying out, in parallel, processes of two or more functions of an image reading function, an image recording function, an image copying function and an image communicating function, and automatically storing a file of the image data processed in parallel, independently of the processes.

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**LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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